

REMARKS

This response to the non-final Office Action dated January 18, 2008, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in light of the following remarks offered in response to the Office Action.

Claims 1-24 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-8 and 10-36 of commonly assigned, copending US Patent Application Ser. No. 10/707,655. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-24 contain allowable subject matter.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321(c). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the provisional rejection of Claims 1-24 be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Amendment and any other fees applicable to this application to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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